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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1953

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NEPALESE RECOGNITION OF DRV

1. MFA JOINT SECRETARY SHARDUL RANA CALLED IN DCM APRIL 28 TO INFORM HIM THAT GON HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE GOVERNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM. DECISION, HE SAID, WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO NORTH VIETNAMESE INITIATIVE. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMAL RELATIONS WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE. MR. RANA NOTED THAT PREVIOUSLY NEPAL HAD HAD NO RELATIONS OF ANY KIND WITH EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH VIETNAM BUT THAT IT NOW WISHED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH HANOI WHICH WOULD BE A MAJOR ASIAN POWER IN THE REGION.

2. DCM EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT GON'S DECISION AND SAID THAT IT WOULD ONLY ADD TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING A FINAL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE STRONGLY URGED MR. RANA TO DELAY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEPAL'S DECISION UNTIL THE SITUATION IN SAIGON BECAME MORE CLEAR. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DECISION WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEPAL ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH WHATEVER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

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MIGHT EMERGE. MR. RANA REACTED SYMPATHETICALLY

AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO THE
FOREIGN SECRETARY. CARGO

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